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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/982)*]

56/502. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1416 (2002) of 13 June 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/266 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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[1] A/56/782 and A/56/838.

[2] A/56/887 and Add.4.

[3] S/1994/647.

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 45,632,400 dollars for the period from

[4] A/56/887/Add.4.

[5] A/56/782.

1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 43,652,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,767,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 211,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation[6]

14. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of this amount, equivalent to 15,210,800 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, these amounts to be partially offset by their respective shares of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 631,900 dollars for the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 270,100 dollars for the Government of Greece;

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 23,921,600 dollars at a monthly rate of 1,993,466 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 993,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 82,816 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 857,700 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 126,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 9,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

17. *Decides further* that, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 1,061,700 dollars and other income of 1,680,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 548,870 dollars and their respective share of other income in the amount of 868,510 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

18. *Decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 548,870 dollars and other income of 868,510 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

[6] See the note by the Secretary-General, issued under the symbol A/C.5/56/48, regarding paragraphs 14 to 21.

19. *Decides also* that, taking into account the decrease in the staff assessment income of 103,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, there shall be set off among Member States the amount of 53,410 dollars against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Decides further*, taking into account its voluntary contribution in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, that one third of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 353,900 dollars and other income in the amount of 560,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus, these amounts to be partially offset by its share in the decrease in the staff assessment income in the amount of 34,430 dollars in the Tax Equalization Fund;

21. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, that the prorated share of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 158,930 dollars and other income in the amount of 251,490 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Greece, these amounts to be partially offset by its share in the decrease in the staff assessment income in the amount of 15,460 dollars in the Tax Equalization Fund;

22. *Decides also* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Notes with appreciation* that the objectives in the report of the Secretary-General[7] have been described in simple, concise terms and the outputs are described in relation to expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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[7] A/56/838.